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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Chair recognizes Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, I'll yield my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Brashear, my Chairman. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, that committee, known as the Judiciary Committee, gets more bills than any other committee, and more trash legislation. This bill I will not put in the category of trash legislation. It is one of those about which reasonable people can differ and disagree, and disagree very heatedly. But again that's not going to be the approach I'll take this morning. My word means something to me. And what I was going to tell Senator Brashear, in case he doesn't read as much fiction as I read, the story, in its general thrust, is known by most people of Dr. Faustus, where he made an agreement with the devil, through the devil's agent, Mephistopheles. And one thing that cannot be said about the devil, whatever else is said against him, her or it, he never violated his end of a contract. If you entered a contract with the devil, the devil was going to scrupulously adhere to and deliver on every provision of that contract as written. But when time comes to pay the piper, he is going to exact and extract everything down to the last drop that you promised to give when you entered that contract. Senator Brashear is not Mephistopheles or the devil. He is not extracting or exacting anything from me, such as the loss of my immortal soul (laugh). He wouldn't...he's too smart for that. He wouldn't agree to give up something for that which is nonexistent. But what Senator Brashear has done with this bill is to demonstrate that he is able to bring together forces that ordinarily will not see eye to eye on anything. And I'll tell you all why I'm saying this. I will lambaste, on occasion, I will be very critical, I will taunt, I will mock, and sometimes I even write a rhyme that is therapeutic for me, but not very pleasant for the target of it. But when somebody has done very good work, that ought to be acknowledged while the person can hear the acknowledgement. I don't want Senator Brashear to croak any time soon, because he's such a good chairperson. But say that an unkind fate intervened